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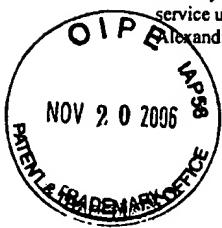
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In re Application of:

Kunio SHIOTA et al.

Application No.: 09/881,748

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING
CELLS USING DNA
METHYLATION PATTERNS

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Applicants now respond to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006 ("Action").

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

Withdrawal of the Rejection of claims 6, 8, 9, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that the remarks filed June 6, 2006, were persuasive. Action at page 1, item no. 1. Applicants also acknowledge, with appreciation, the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 8, 9, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). *Id.* at page 4, item no. 4.